

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-16 are presently pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 11-16 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein as the amendments merely cancel rejected claims.

The final Office Action mailed November 10, 2008, rejected claims 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Romanski* (U.S. Patent No. 7,374,640). However, the cancellation of claims 6 and 10 has rendered this rejection moot.

Therefore, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9957 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

DITTHAVONG MORI & STEINER, P.C.

March 10, 2009

Date

/Christopher D. Ward/

Christopher D. Ward

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 41,367

Phouphanomketh Ditthavong

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 44658

918 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel. (703) 519-9957
Fax. (703) 519-9958